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SUBJECT : BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CLOSED TO AIRFREIGHT

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1. MUCH TO ITS REGRET, BOTH FOR THE OBVIOUS COMMERICAL REASONS, AS WELL AS FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ONE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE TO BAHRAINIS, THE GOB ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK A "TEMPORARY" EMBARGO ON "NON-ESSENTIAL" AIRFREIGHT INTO BAHRAIN. ON OCTOBER 4 THE EMBARGO WAS EXTENDED FOR A SECOND WEEK.

2. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY NEWSPAPERS, PERISHABLE GOODS, LIFE-SAVING DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AIRCRAFT AND OTHER URGENT REPAIR PARTS AND UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE ARE EXEMPT FROM THE EMBARGO.

3. COMMENT: LIKE THE PORT (REFTEL) THE BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL  
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AIRPORT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CLOGGED WITH UNCLEARED AIRFREIGHT

CARGO OVER THE SUMMER. THE PROBLEM WAS COMPOUNDED DURING RAMADAN  
AND HAS REACHED "CRISIS" PROPORTIONS ACCORDING TO THE ASST.  
UNDERSECRETARY FOR CIVIL AVIATION, SHAIKH ISA BIN ABDULLAH AL-KHALIFA

4. ACCORDING TO A REPORT ON THE PROBLEM IN THE GULF WEEKLY MIRROR  
OF OCTOBER 3, BEHRING INTERNATIONAL REGULARLY HANDLES ABOUT 15-17  
TONS OF AIRFREIGHT WEEKLY FOR THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION FIRMS IN  
BAHRAIN, IMPORTANTLY INCLUDING BROWN AND ROOT AND OTHER AMERICAN  
INTERESTS.

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